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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR ON US-CUBAN RELATIONS

1. AT THE STATE DINNER FOR SECRETARY DENERAL WALDHEIM ON MARCH 1, SOVIET AMBASSADOR IVAN FILIPPOV, WHO WAS SEATED NEXT TO ME, HARANGUED ME AT LENGTH ON THE VIRTUES OF NORMALIZING U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS. IN REPLY TO MY COMMENTS ON CASTRO'S POLICIES OF EXPORTING REVOLUTION, THE AMBASSADOR ASSURED ME "ALL THAT HAS CHANGED" AND THAT HE WAS SURE CUBA WAS EAGER TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE U.S.

2. WHEN NOT TALKING ABOUT CUBA, FILIPPOV WAS PRAISING DALENTE AND ASSURING ME THAT BREZHNEV, KOSYGIN AND PODGORNYY WERE A NEW BREED OF LEADERS WHO HAD LEFT BEHIND THE POLICIES OF THE PAST WHICH HAD CAUSED DIFFICULTIES IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS.

5. COMMENT: THIS SUDDEN ENTHUSIASTIC INITIATIVE ON THE PART OF AN OLD PARTY HACK SUCH AS FILIPPOV ALMOST CERTAINLY MEANS FRESH INSTRUCTIONS HAVE ARRIVED FROM MOSCOW.

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